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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Monitoring a SALT II Limitation on Cruise Missiles

1. The attached letter to the Director, ACDA is proposed for your signature. It responds to a letter from Dr. Ikle in which he expresses concern about the capabilities of intelligence to verify Soviet compliance with an expected SALT II limitation on cruise missiles. Dr. Ikle has proposed that US intelligence study in detail ways to improve our capabilities against current and future Soviet cruise missile developments.

2. The proposed reply makes the following major points:

- Determining their technical characteristics is an important and difficult aspect of monitoring a cruise missile limitation.
- Most Soviet cruise missiles are naval anti-ship systems; a Priority 1 collection and analysis effort against anti-ship cruise missiles has been underway since 1972.
- Determining characteristics of possible "strategic" cruise missiles would be an extension of the current Priority 1 effort.
- We do not believe the Soviets currently have "strategic" cruise missiles.
- The Chairman, GMAIC, is being asked to report on any improvements which might be made.
- Monitoring deployment of cruise missiles may be difficult, but it is not a unique problem.

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3. It is recommended that you sign the attached letter to Dr. Ikle, and that a copy be forwarded to the Chairman, GMAIC for action as indicated.



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